



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of **Brian Kelly et al.**Serial No.: **09/888,582**Examiner: **S. Harris**Confirmation No.: **9519**Art Unit: **3636**Filed: **June 26, 2001**For: **Child Seat****RECEIVED**
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)**

Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment (mailed April 17, 2003). The holding of abandonment was predicated upon Applicants supposed failure to reply to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002. However, Applicants filed a reply to the Office Action on December 30, 2002. As evidence of this filing, Applicants have enclosed copies of the following (all of which were filed in the USPTO on December 30, 2002):

- A copy of the Postcard Verifying December 30, 2002 filing;
- A copy of Transmittal Form for the Response and IDS filed on December 30, 2002;
- A copy of the Amendment and Request for Reconsideration filed on December 30, 2002 in the USPTO;
- A copy of Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(c) filed on December 30, 2002 in the USPTO;
- Copies of PTO Form 1449, with 3 references cited, and the EPO search report as filed on December 30, 2002 in the USPTO; and
- A copy of the Authorization for the Commissioner to Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for \$128.00 (\$110 for the 1-month Extension of Time and \$18.00 in additional claims fees) as filed on December 30, 2002 in the USPTO.

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Because Applicants properly responded to the September 11, 2002 Office Action, Applicants

hereby petition for the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment (mailed April 17, 2003).


Applicants also hereby request an early action on the merits of the response filed in the USPTO on December 30, 2002. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned directly at (240) 864-2424.

Dated: May 9, 2003

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